

THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:

Friedman et al.

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For: Modulators of Body Weight,

Corresponding Nucleic Acids and Proteins, and Diagnostic and Therapeutic Uses Thereof

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Amendment and Response under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action dated May 15, 2007, that issued in connection with the above-identified application. A Petition for a one-month extension of time for responding to the Office Action, a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), as well as the required Fees associated with the filing of the Petition and the RCE, accompany this response.

Applicants have given careful consideration to the grounds for rejection and objection. The following amendments and remarks are believed to place this application in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper

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